

AN ATTEMPT AT RAPE.

A Young Mexican Assaults Flora Fleuri With Criminal Intent.

He is Foiled in His Attempt After a Desperate Encounter With the Girl.

Last Monday a young Mexican who was riding a black horse and was carrying a revolver, assaulted Flora Fleuri at her father's milk ranch on the Central road about midway between this place and Central. At the time of going to press the facts concerning the affair, as nearly as they can be gathered, are these: The Mexican found Miss Fleuri who is a young girl fourteen or fifteen years old, some distance from the house and, no doubt, thinking that he could frighten her into complying with his wishes drew his revolver and attempted to intimidate her into submitting to him but he soon discovered that the girl had no intention of submitting and he then attempted to accomplish his design by the use of force. The encounter was desperate and during the struggle Miss Fleuri's clothing was torn into shreds but the villain was foiled in accomplishing his purpose.

Yesterday, Calvin Fleuri, the father of the girl, made a complaint before Justice Givens, of this place, and a warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Baca for the arrest of one Gomez who resides on a ranch about three miles above this place. It was believed at the time the complaint was made that it was one of the Gomez brothers who was the guilty party but nothing definite can be ascertained as to this until the preliminary examination is heard.

Deputy Sheriff Baca went to the Gomez ranch and arrested Miguel Gomez, who is a young married man. He protested his innocence and stated that he had not been away from the ranch during the day that the crime was committed and his wife stated that he had been employed all day in the construction of a chicken house and that he had not been out of her sight for any considerable length of time during the day. The brother of the arrested man also protested that he had not been away from the ranch on Monday and said that he would come in with the officer if he had had a saddle. He promised to be in this morning in time for the preliminary examination when Miss Fleuri will have an opportunity to recognize, if she can, the one who committed the crime.

This is the first attempt at rape in this part of New Mexico for years and if the offender be found he will undoubtedly receive the punishment which he so richly deserves.

Fred Gusosky arrived from Mogollon yesterday afternoon. He will remain here about a month.

Forest fires are raging in the Black Range, and these are, no doubt, the cause of the smoky appearance of the atmosphere for the past few days.

W. B. Walton, editor of the Deming Headlight and one of the rising young attorneys of Deming, came up Sunday afternoon and returned Monday morning. He returned from an extended visit to Pennsylvania last Friday.

Robert Gillett, the loquacious "Kid," accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Roswell Gillett, sister-in-law of Mrs. C. J. Gooch whom they have been visiting for several weeks past, returned to Gonzales, Texas, on last Friday's train.

G. W. Miles, who went down to Las Cruces last week, has purchased a farm on the Rio Grande near Rincon. He will plant it in fruit, mainly apples and plums. There is now plenty of water in the Rio Grande and Prof. Miles says that late fruit and alfalfa will be very much benefitted. There was a good rain in the valley last Saturday night.

Thomas J. Clark, of the Gila, announces himself in this issue of THE EAGLE as a candidate for the office of county commissioner, for this district, before the coming democratic convention. Judge Clark is a well known and honored resident of the Gila valley, and, if he proves as popular over the county as he is in his own precinct, he will be elected by a large majority. He has held the office of justice of the peace several terms and is now postmaster at Gila postoffice. He is a large property owner and it would be to his interest to manage county affairs as they should be managed.

Normal School.

The patrons and friends of the normal school of New Mexico are respectfully invited to attend the opening of the school on Monday September 3 in the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock, a. m.

An address will be delivered by Hon. W. G. Ritch, to be followed by short addresses by some of our local friends of education. All are cordially invited.

G. W. MILES,

Secretary.

GEO. SELBY,

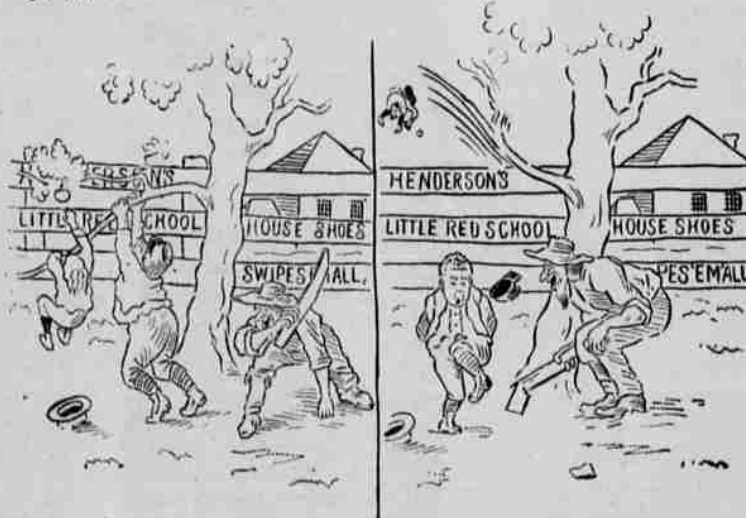
Principal.

A brother of Tom Boone is out in the western part of the county looking for cattle. He is from the strip and wants cattle to ship.

B. T. Link announces himself in THE EAGLE as a candidate for the office of superintendent of schools of this county, subject to the action of the democratic county convention. This is an office of great importance but the salary is small in comparison with the work which has to be done. Mr. Link is a man who would honestly and conscientiously discharge the duties of the office if nominated and elected. He is well known throughout the county and would make a good race for the office.

J. Crockett Givens, of Central, announces himself in this issue as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county commissioner from his district. Mr. Givens is well known in this part of the county and has held the office of justice of the peace for Central precinct for some years to the entire satisfaction of the people there. He was once complimented by Judge Henderson on account of the manner in which he kept the records and papers of his office. Judge Givens knows how an office should be conducted.

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